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Ms. Hatfield,

As an ecologist deeply involved in the intricacies of resource use and issues of biodiversity I am very eager to participate in New Hampshire's process of assessing and developing its energy policy for the future. I wanted to voice my unwavering support for a plan strong on renewable energy, energy efficiency, and other clean energy initiatives. Renewable energy sources are truly a win-win situation—they reduce our waste, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and save money in the long term. The recent reports of poor air quality in New England should be a sobering wake-up call that we cannot continue with a "business as usual" energy policy that heavily relies on fossil fuels. Some of the fossil fuel plants in our state are in fact some of the dirtiest coal fired power plants in the nation.

New Hampshire is poised to play a very significant role in pushing our nation as a whole in the right direction with a sound energy policy. I urge renewable energy sources to be pursued to the fullest extent possible. Please place me on the email list that will provide more information as the planning process moves forward.

Thank you,

  
Dr. James E. Byers